

HOW YOU CAN HELP END SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Sexual violence has often been seen as a “women’s issue.” However, it affects everyone in a community and is actually an issue beyond gender and even beyond sexuality. It is a community issue based on the health and safety of all its members. With this in mind, preventing sexual violence is an issue in which we all can play a role. Women can continue to work to support equality and teach about healthy relationships, and men can continue to influence their peers and younger males in understanding that respect for women is crucial for healthy relationships.

There are several national resources to help both men and women put an end to sexual violence:

- “Working with Men and Boys to Prevent Gender Based Violence” created by the Family Violence Prevention Fund at www.endabuse.org
- “Coaching Boys into Men” created by the Family Violence Prevention Fund at www.endabuse.org
- “Coaches Corner” created by the Family Violence Prevention Fund at www.endabuse.org
- “Building Healthy Teen Relationships” created by the Family Violence Prevention Fund at www.endabuse.org
- “Preventing Violence Against Women: Program Activity Guide” created by the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control at www.cdc.gov/ncipc
- “Building Healthy Relationships: Engaging Men in Prevention Strategies to End Sexual Assault and Intimate partner violence” created by the Connecticut Department of Health at www.ct.gov/dph
- “Strategies for Preventing Men’s Violence Against Women: What Works?” created by Alan Berkowitz at www.alanberkowitz.com

Other helpful websites include:

- www.fatherhood.gov
- www.jacksonkatz.com
- www.mencanstoprape.org
- www.menstoppingviolence.org
- www.whiteribbon.com

